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**For: EGVIII ENDOGLUCANASE AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
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Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

✓ In the specification after page 42 insert pages 1-3 enclosed herewith.

Figure 2 shows the predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) and signal sequence (SEQ ID NO:3) based on the nucleotide sequence provided in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein the signal sequence is indicated as bolded.

Basic BLASTN search ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST)) of the non-redundant nucleic acid sequence database was conducted on September 12, 2001, with the *egl8* gene sequence presented in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), indicated that the only sequences producing significant